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Title: Regarding rise in prices of LPG and non-PDS kerosene.

SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE (SREERAMPUR): Madam Speaker, I would like to raise the very important issue of repeated rise in prices of domestic LPG and PDS and non-PDS kerosene because of which the general public and in particular the poor people are seriously affected. The average government subsidy on PDS kerosene was Rs.33.89 per litre as of July 2014 and it has come down to Rs.11.49 per litre as of July 2016. As a result of this, the price of kerosene has increased. According to the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, subsidy on kerosene has dropped by 52 per cent between 2014-15 and 2015-16. The total subsidy on PDS kerosene was Rs.24,799 crore during 2014-15 and it has come down to Rs.11,496 crore during 2015-16. Kerosene quota has also decreased. Our hon. Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee has written several letters to the hon. Prime Minister in this regard but there has been no response.

Madam, instead of the fire being in the kitchen, the kitchen is on fire now. Regarding LPG, on 5th May 2016 the number of LPG consumers registered was 15.39 crore. The subsidy on LPG has been decreased. It was Rs.40,569 crore in 2014-15 and it has come down to Rs.16,074 crore in 2015-16. The hon. Minister on 6th August 2014 stated in reply to a question that there was no proposal of the Government to raise the prices of LPG, cooking gas and kerosene to wipe out the subsidy. But in effect it has been done and prices have been increased. मैडम, दो वÂाल़ पहले जो वायदा किया गया था, जो मन की बात थी, वह मन की बात अभी कीचेन में नहीं घुसी है। ...(व्यवधान) वह मन की बात चली गई।...(व्यवधान) काम नहीं हुआ, कुछ नहीं हुआ।...(व्यवधान)

I would request the Government on behalf of the 125 crore people of the country that the Government should increase the PDS quota of kerosene oil and they should decrease the prices of kerosene oil and LPG. By mere advertisements nothing will be achieved. Build India will not be achieved unless kitchen is built and food comes to the table. I would request the Government to respond to this. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Kalyan Banerjee.